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"Foundations" Economic Conference Fosters Networking, Partnerships

WHITEHORSE – Two days of interactive panel discussions, presentations by business leaders from Yukon and abroad, and an evening networking opportunity are some of the highlights of the Foundations Economic Conference taking place June 3 and 4 in Whitehorse.

The theme of the conference is 'Showcasing Today's First Nations Business Success Stories and Supporting Tomorrow's.'

"We are pleased to support this conference as it will provide significant networking opportunities with a number of First Nations and non-First Nations business leaders, it will also serve to inform Yukon's business community of First Nations' corporate successes," Economic Development Minister Jim Kenyon said. "It will be an ideal occasion for Yukon and its First Nations to promote themselves as open for business."

Taking place at the Yukon Inn, the conference consists of two days of interactive panel discussions with business leaders who will talk about personal successes and challenges related to their businesses.

The evening of June 3 will provide a networking opportunity for participants, with the memberships of the Yukon and Whitehorse Chambers of Commerce invited to the Trade Show and Business Gala being held in the Old Fire Hall in downtown Whitehorse. The evening events are being sponsored by Yukon Indian Development Corp. and the Yukon and Whitehorse Chambers of Commerce.

"The Foundations Economic Conference is an initiative that reinforces our vision of prosperity, partnerships and the role of innovation in Yukon's economic development," Kenyon said.

The Yukon government and Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada are jointly funding the conference in partnership with the Yukon Indian Development Corp., Dana Naye Ventures and the Tr'ondek Hwech'in.

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For more conference information, visit **www.foundationsconference.ca**

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